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Mr. Cliff Clark U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office PO Box 550, MS A3-04 Richland, WA 99352

Re: Third CERCLA Five-Year Review for the Hanford Site

Dear Mr. Clark:

On January 6, 2010 you, together with contractor staff from the Mission Support Alliance, provided Oregon with a phone briefing outlining the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) planned approach for the third CERCLA Five-Year Review for the Hanford Site. Subsequent to that, Oregon sent a letter to DOE identifying our expectations and outlining a number of recommendations for the review.

DOE has recently invited the public to offer suggestions and questions prior to the start of the review. In response to that request, we are attaching a copy of our January 27, 2010 letter, in order to ensure those comments are made part of the official record for the Five-Year review.

We look forward to working with DOE to implement a comprehensive review that is protective of human health and the environment at the Hanford Site. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of our comments, please contact Paul Shaffer of my staff at 503-378-4456.

Sincerely,

Ken Niles

Assistant Director

cc: Dennis Faulk, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency